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Darfur

- U.S. Special Envoy for Sudan Andrew Natsios met with the head of the Sudan Liberation Movement, Abdel Wahid Nur, in Paris yesterday. Natsios and Nur agreed on the importance of implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1706, and they discussed the humanitarian situation as well as the distribution of wealth and power. Natsios conveyed President Bush's invitation to Abdel Wahid for a meeting in the near future. (*Al-Sahafa*)

- UN Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs Jan Egeland affirmed that participants at the Addis Ababa conference on Darfur agreed to the deployment of a joint UN and African Union (AU) force. Egeland considered the Addis Ababa agreement a "turning point" and a "solid agreement that will end the crisis of Darfur and lead to comprehensive peace." (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

- Conversely, Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Lam Akol stated that the Addis Ababa agreement does not provide for a deployment of international forces on the ground. He further reiterated the Government of Sudan's rejection of the deployment of combined forces, arguing that the government has agreed to "combined operations and not the deployment of combined forces." (*Al-Sahafa*)

- UN Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs Jan Egeland described the situation of children in Darfur as being "terrorizing and intimidating." Egeland accused the Government of Sudan, the militia, and the rebel groups of being responsible for the deteriorating security conditions in Darfur. (*Al-Sudani*)

President Al-Bashir in Juba

- President Al-Bashir visited Juba and Upper Nile State over the weekend, addressing the Government of South Sudan's (GOSS) need to better manage the security situation in the South, and underscoring the need for careful implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, and urged greater consultations between the Government of National Unity and the GOSS. (*Al-Wihda, Khartoum Monitor, Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

Incident of Jebel Aulia

- President Al-Bashir described the killing of five policemen in Jebel Aulia as "an isolated incident." Al-Bashir further asserted that there will be "no compromise over the security of Khartoum, and we will not allow people to bear arms." (*Al-Hayat*)

Quote of the Day

"Sudan rejects combined forces in Darfur." – President Omer Al-Bashir



Cartoon from *Akhir Lahza* Arabic daily

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